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[Despatch Abstract.]

Subs- Hairjan uplift - Reports of the Harijan Welfare Committee-Housing Schemes for the rural Harijans - Papers recorded.

Note

Rural Welfare IV.

The State Harijan Welfare Committee constituted to formulate a plan for Harijan Welfare considered among other things a scheme for the provision of cheap houses to Harijans. The Committee desired to call for a plan from the Engineering Department within a maximum limit of Rs. 1,000/- per house and suggested that 50% of the cost should be met by the Government, the other half being given as loan recoverable from the party in easy instalments spread over a period of 20 years. The Chief Engineer who was consulted accordingly sent two designs, one at a cost of Rs. 1,000/- for a building of a plinth area of 269 sq.ft. and another of Rs. 980/- for a house of 224 sq.ft. and But on further examination, it was found that the proposal involved a colossal expenditure to Government and the matter was therefore dropped, the papers being recorded in G.O. Ms. No. 141, Firka Development, dated 9.2.49.

2. This G.O. is not treaceable now. It does not appear to have been sent to Records after closure. The Departments of the Secretariat who were consulted have stated that the G.O. is not available with them.

While submitting the proposal of the Collector of Coimbatore to grant a subsidy of Rs. 50/- each to the 40 harijan members in Kilagoundenpalayam village to be utilised as share capital in a co-operative society to be formed for them for obtaining loans towards the construction of houses, the Director of Harijan Welfare cited the recommendation of the Harijan Welfare Committee regarding the formation of co-operative societies for construction of houses. As stated in the previous paragraphs the recommendation of the Harijan Welfare Committee was examined and recorded as G.O. which is not now available. In the circumstances, it has been proposed to reconstruct the G.O. after getting the copies of references originally received from the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General). ~~The draft at p. 77 c.f. to the Chief Engineer had been issued~~ and his reply is awaited. May be submitted to Secretary.

The Chief Engineer has been addressed (Sd) x x14.6.52.

A on p. 3 ante.

The persons responsible for the loss of the G.O. should be traced and explanation obtained current section to take further action.

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From the C.E.(P.W.D.) No. 1165F/52 CRDdate 15/16.7.52.

The C.E. (P.W.D.) ~~His reply at p. 79 c.f. to the memorandum at p. 77 c.f. may be perused.~~ He has enclosed copies of references leading to the issue of orders in G.O. Ms. No. 141, Firka Development dated 9.2.49. ~~For the reasons already given in para 1 of the note on p.3 ante~~ the proposals were not pushed through as they involved colossal expenditures. The papers referred to at 'A' at p. 4 ante may be separated and docketted as G.O. Ms. No. 141, Firka Development , dated 9.2.49.

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